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ACTION STR FOR GREENWALD, LANDE, FEKETEKUTY, FLAIG

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TAGS: ETRD, MTN
SUBJECT; 7-PLUS-7 MEETING ON FRAMEWORK, MAY 24, 1978

REF: (A) GENEVA 7375, (B) GENEVA 1784 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF UNSTRUCTURED BUT
GENERALLY PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY AT DELEGATION LEVEL,
FRAMEWORK GROUP RESUMED SEMI-FORMAL COURSE MAY 24 WITH
FIRST OF WHAT MAY BE SEVERAL 7-PLUS-7 MEETINGS ALONG
"THE HOME STRETCH". AT SECRETARIAT'S BEHEST, CERTAIN
DISCUSSION DRAFTS DEVELOPED BY U.S. AND EC IN RECENT
INFORMAL WORK CIRCULATED IN MTN/INF SERIES, ALTHOUGH ALL
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KEY DELS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH EACH BY NOW. MOST DC
DELS APPEAR RESIGNED TO PROSPECT OF POSTURING AND
RHETORIC IN SEVERAL FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS SORT ON
FRAMEWORK--WITH HOPE THAT ESSENTIAL TASK OF ESTABLISHING
CONSENSUS ON ALL TOPICS CAN CONTINUE NOTWITHSTANDING IN
PARALLEL BUT LESS FORMAL SETTINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. GATT DG LONG OPENED 7-PLUS-7 MEETING ON FRAMEWORK MAY 24 WITH LENGTHY, RAMBLING DISCOURSE ON NEED "TO LEAVE CONCEPTUAL LEVEL BEHIND AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS OF DRAFTING." LONG, IN COMPULSION TO ASSEMBLE AN "INVENTORY" ON FRAMEWORK TOPICS REFLECTING DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST 7-PLUS-7 ON FEB. 3 (REF B), NOTED RECENTLY-CIRCULATED U.S. MTN DEL DRAFTS ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (MTN/INF/19) AND EXPORT CONTROLS (MTN/INF/20) AND EC PAPER ON ADDITIONS TO PART IV (MTN/INF/21) AND CALLED FOR SUBMISSION ASAP OF ANY ADDITIONAL PAPERS REFLECTING DELS' THINKING. (FYI: MTN DEL AND EC HAD MET MAY 22 WITH PATTERSON, MATHUR, ET AL, OF GATT SECRETARIAT AND WERE URGED TO ALLOW WIDER AVAILABILITY OF AND "CERTAIN STATUS" BE ATTACHED TO VARIOUS DISCUSSION DRAFTS USED IN INFORMAL BILATERALS AND PLURILATERALS OVER PAST THREE MONTHS. (SEE GENEVA 4507 AND 4506 RE DRAFTS ON B/P AND EXPORT CONTROLS; GENEVA 4498 AND 6742 RE U.S. AND EC PAPERS ON DISPUTE MANAGEMENT; AND 77 GENEVA 11541 FOR TEXT OF EC DRAFT ON "ENABLING CLAUSE"/GRADUATION. COPIES OF MTN DEL DRAFTS WERE HAND-CARRIED TO GREENWALD, STR, ON MARCH 7 AND 17, EC DISPUTE-MANAGEMENT DRAFT ON MAY 4.) MTN DEL AND EC ACCEDED, PROVIDED SECRETARIAT MAKE CLEAR THAT PAPERS ARE NOT YET FORMAL PROPOSALS. ALL PAPERS ACCORDINGLY BEAR NEUTRAL HEADNOTE (I.E., "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ATTACHED TEXT REFLECTS PRESENT STATE OF THINKING OF CERTAIN DELS"). AT REQUEST OF EC, MTN DEL AGREED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DEFER FOR ONE WEEK DECISION ON CIRCULATING "COMPETING" DRAFTS ON DISPUTE MANAGEMENT (SEE PARA. 3 BELOW).
END FYI.

3. IN RESPONSE TO LONG'S URGING, INDIA (KUMAR) PROMISED PAPER INTENDED AS SUPPLEMENT TO EARLIER BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS (MTN/INF/16) BUT OFFERED NO DETAILS ON CONTENT; SWITZERLAND (GERBER) REMINDED DELS OF ITS INFORMALLY-CIRCULATED PAPER ON DISPUTE MANAGEMENT BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD APPEAR AS MTN/INF DOCUMENT. (SWISS ADVISED US PRIVATELY THAT THEY, TOO, ARE AWAITING EC COURSE OF ACTION BEFORE DECIDING THEIR OWN.) BY PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING, EC (LUYTEN) AND U.S. (MARK) MADE NO MENTION OF WELL-KNOWN PAPERS ON DISPUTE MANAGEMENT OR OF POSSIBLE "COMMON WORKING BASIS." (FYI: FOLLOWING EC'S SUGGESTION NOTED PARA. 2 ABOVE, WE MET BILATERALLY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO DISCUSS CHANGES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE EC DRAFT (4/25/78 VERSION) FOR IT TO BE AT ALL ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON AS EVEN A TACITLY AGREED JOINT WORKING BASIS. STATUS OF THESE TALKS REPORTED TELEPHONICALLY TO GREENWALD, STR, ON MAY 26. EC DECISION ON CHANGES, TO BE CLEARED BY MEMBER STATES,

EXPECTED BY C.O.B. MAY 30. WILL REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY.
END FYI.)

4. WITH "DISCUSSION" DOMINATED BY LONG, MOST DELS CON-
FINED REMARKS TO GENERALITIES OR REMAINED SILENT.
EXCEPTION WAS STATEMENT BY CANADA (AMB. GREY) ON EXPORT
CONTROLS. IMPLYING A REVERSAL OF POSITION, GREY SAID
RESPONSE TO CANADIAN SECTORAL PROPOSAL IN INDUSTRIAL
TARIFF OFFERS OF U.S. AND TO LESSER EXTENT EC HAD
"OPENED DOOR TO DISCUSSIONS" ON EXPORT-CONTROLS TOPIC,
BOTH WITH U.S. AND EC AS WELL AS "ANY OTHER COUNTRY THAT
OPENS UP" TO CANADIAN PROCESSED-PRODUCT MARKET (BUT, BY
INFERENCE, NOT IN MULTILATERAL SETTING LIKE FRAMEWORK
GROUP.) THOUGH GREY BERATED U.S. DRAFT AS "MUSHY" AND
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"INTERNALLY CONTRADICTORY," HE--CRAFTILY--LET DROP WITH

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ALLUSIONS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE "DRAFTING WORK" AND
INDICATED CANADIAN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING APPROACH
CREATING "NEW RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS" ON EXPORT SIDE
THAT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE LINKED WITH ACTION ON IMPORT SIDE.
COMMENT: SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADIAN
DELS (SEPTTEL) SUGGESTED NO REAL CHANGE HAS OCCURRED IN
CANADA'S APPROACH TO EXPORT-CONTROLS TOPIC--IF ANYTHING,
IT MAY HAVE HARDENED--AND THAT AMB. GREY'S SEEMING
"INITIATIVE" WAS LARGELY THEATRICAL. END COMMENT.

5. SINCE MOST DELS UNWILLING TO ENGAGE IN DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE, LONG ADJOURNED WITH CALL FOR
START OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS AT NEXT 7-PLUS-7, SCHEDULED
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